HOUSE BILL 2607 By McDonald

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-406 and Section 49-5-413, relative to the health, safety and welfare of school children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE: SECTION 1.

(a) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-406(a), is amended by deleting the words, figures and symbols "for a position as a teacher as defined in §49-5-501 to file," and by substituting instead the following:

for a position as a teacher as defined in §49-5-501, or for any other position requiring proximity to school children, to file,

(b) Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-406(a), is further amended by adding the following new paragraph to the end of the section:

Knowingly falsifying information required by §49-5-406(a)(1) shall be sufficient grounds for termination of employment and shall also constitute a Class A misdemeanor which must be reported to the district attorney general for prosecution. The preceding sentence shall be conspicuously displayed on forms supplied for implementation of subdivision (a)(1). Language conspicuously displayed on such forms shall also advise applicants that the accuracy of such information may be verified by fingerprint and criminal history records check conducted by the TBI pursuant to §49-5-413(a).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413(a), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "all persons applying for a position as a teacher to:" and by substituting instead the following:

all persons applying for a position as a teacher and all persons applying for any other position requiring proximity to school children to:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-413(b), is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

Any costs incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation in conducting such investigations of applicants shall be paid by the local board of education requesting such investigation and information; provided, however, the local board of education may require an applicant to pay such costs if the applicant is offered and accepts a position as a teacher or any other position requiring proximity to school children.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.

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